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**WE MUST EDUCATE**

The voters if we would increase our strength. We have never heard of a "constant reader" of THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT going back to the old parties. The loyal independent workers can do nothing that will help our cause more than to increase our list of readers. And now is the best time to do it.

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**WHAT OF THE FUTURE?**

With their usual shortsightedness, the politicians are loudly proclaiming that they have crushed the people's party and that it will now go to pieces. Except for the sting of our partial defeat in Nebraska, there is greater reason for independents to rejoice than ever before. The necessary forerunner to our triumph in the nation is here. The republican party as a national organization, has received its death-blow. It may linger along for a few years, but its fate is sealed. It will never elect another president. Some republicans, it is true, are claiming that the democrats will sweep away the protective tariff, disturb all the industries of the country, and produce a reaction that will bring the republicans back into power. Such hopes are vain. The democrats will not attempt to carry out their free-trade doctrines. They will take hold of the tariff question very carefully. They will trim a little here reduce a little there, do a great deal of revising, and raise a great bluster about it. That is all. Already the papers say Cleveland has had a conference with some of the leaders of his party, and decided to go slow, and discover if possible what produced the "land-slide" before making any radical changes.

The democratic party is in politics for office, and its leaders will be very careful not to do anything that will produce a reaction on the tariff question.

But the reaction will come, and the republican party will not be in a position to take advantage of it. The reaction will come because the democrats will give us no financial legislation. The democratic tariff tinkering will not make times any better. The thousands of dissatisfied in the eastern and central states who turned to the democrats in the hope that a change might yield some relief, will be more dissatisfied than ever. They will begin to study the money question and will flock to the standard of the people's party.

The tendency in a popular government like ours is for the people to divide into two great parties, one radical and progressive, the other conservative.

The former pushes forward, the latter holds back. A new party is always a radical progressive party. It springs into existence because some great obstacle in the pathway of progress must be removed. It accomplishes its object and it usually remains in power long enough to fully establish its work. Then it gives place to another new radical party. The conservative party never dies. No defeat can crush it. Its work is to prevent the excesses of the radical party. It controls the government during the intervals between the triumphs of the various radical parties.

It is hardly necessary to say that the democratic party is the conservative party of the United States. The republican party was a great progressive party. It accomplished a grand work, the destruction of chattel slavery in the nation. It remained in power long enough to fully establish its work. It has remained in power a great deal longer than it should. But at last its day of final defeat has come. It has no great principle of truth and justice on which to rally. It will speedily give place to a new progressive party. That party is already organized. It is the people's party.

The republican party of today is made up largely of intelligent patriotic men. The only reason they are not independents today is because they have never given any serious thought to political

matters. Their faith in the wisdom and honesty of their party leaders has been so great that they refused to investigate. The permanent defeat of their party is the only thing that will bring them to their senses. And that has come.

The eyes of the republican masses will soon be opened. Many of their leaders will desert them and go to the democrats in search of office and spoils. Others will retire to private life to enjoy the spoils they have already received. The intelligent rank and file will see that they have been fools and dupes and will turn to find a place in the new movement.

Again there are thousands of intelligent men in the democratic party who naturally belong to the progressive party. Many of them have turned to the democrats because they could no longer stay with the republicans. Other have grown up in the democratic party and have remained in it because they really believed that it would reform the evils that have come upon the country through republican misrule. The men of this class will soon be undeceived. They will soon discover how little is to be expected from the democratic party. They will revolt and find congenial company in the ranks of the people's party.

Let no independent be discouraged. Let us "possess our souls in patience." The star of hope has risen. The beginning of the end has come.

**KEEP UP THE ALLIANCE.**

Did you read President Powers letter in last week's issue? If not look up the paper and read the article carefully. It gives some very potent reasons for continuing the work so nobly carried forward by the alliance of our state during the past year.

The causes that led to the organization in 89 and 90 are not all removed by any means and there is still a great work for us to do. The coming annual meeting will be an important one. See that your alliance makes its report promptly and elects a representative.

On with the fight. There are matters of great importance to farmers that will be considered in coming sessions of both state and national legislation and we must be prepared to know our position with reference to all questions that may be brought before those who have been chosen to represent us in legislative halls of state and nation.

THE two republicans who were defeated by Elder and McVey in Clay county are trying to have themselves declared elected because the names of Elder and McVey were printed on the ballots twice. The supreme court has been asked to issue a mandamus compelling the county clerk to issue certificates to the republicans.

HOLDEN reached the climax of contemptible trickery when he published little Tom Pratt's letter to the Journal and coolly informed his readers that it was written by B. F. Pratt, ex-state lecturer of the farmers' alliance.

THE Non-conformist last week took Mrs. Lease to task for her InterOcean interview, and the attack she made upon the Vincents in her Omaha speech. It looks as if the Noncon. has decidedly the best of the argument.

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**THE REASON OF IT.**

A great many independents are looking around for something or somebody to blame for the defeat of our state ticket. This is a useless proceeding, a waste of time and energy. A few say it was on account of Van Wyck's nomination. This is absurd. Van Wyck polled more votes than any other man we could have nominated. He ran ahead of his ticket in nearly all parts of the state. Some others say that Liberty was responsible for our defeat. This is an insult to the manhood and intelligence of the independents of the state. Liberty's course undoubtedly made votes for the independents, and injured the republican ticket by its support. Many other reasons are offered, none of which are correct.

Nothing local to Nebraska produced the result. There was a general force at work in all these western states that produced like results in all the states where it operated. That force was the money power of the east. It brought defeat to the people's party in South Dakota and Minnesota. In Kansas, where the populists and democrats were united on one ticket, and where they confidently claimed 40,000 majority, they got perhaps 8,000. In Nebraska where we only expected a few thousand plurality, we got—defeat.

Nor has the people's party alone suffered in this way. See how the democrats suffered in Iowa. Twice in succession have they elected Boies, a free coinage democrat, for governor. In 1890 they elected congressmen in a majority of the districts. Now they are defeated by 20,000 majority and nearly every district sends a gold-bug republican to congress. We had another example of the same thing in Nebraska. Two years ago Mr. Bryan was elected to congress, carrying the present First district by a good plurality. This year the effort to defeat him was if anything more desperate than the effort to defeat the independent candidates in other districts. And he was re-elected by a very slender plurality although he had the support of hundreds of free coinage republicans and a large portion of the independents. In the Third district which was formerly a democratic strong-hold, Keiper as well as Poynter was defeated.

No local causes can be cited to explain these results. The cause must be as general as the effect. It is evident that the money power made a supreme effort to crush out "this calamity business" (to use their own phrase) in the states west of the Mississippi, and to restore the republican supremacy in all these states.

It will be well therefore for independents to cease all bickering and fault-finding and reserve their energies to prolong the struggle with the mighty enemy which has won this temporary victory.

In another column we publish the program of the National Farmers' Congress furnished by Mr. B. F. Clayton of Iowa. Addresses will be delivered by a number of gentlemen whose names wear the prefix, "Hon." Perhaps these are farmers or men who are deeply interested in the welfare of the farmer but we have a lurking suspicion that they are farmers by proxy, and deeply interested in the welfare of the man who make their living out of the farmers. It may be that we are mistaken. We await the meeting with much interest.

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